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30 November 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR: EE/Admin

SUBJECT : Reimbursement for Shipment of Automobiles

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1. This is with reference to your memorandum of 16 November on the above subject in connection with transportation of an automobile within the United States as part of the return PCS of an employee after completing a foreign tour of duty. Although the

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2. In answer to the specific questions contained in paragraph 4 of your memorandum, your understanding as stated in question (a) is correct. The opinion of this Office on this point was rendered by [REDACTED], to the Acting Chief OL/ID/PA under date of 9 September 1955.

3. Your question (b) refers to the place of acquisition of an automobile. I am unable to distinguish between the case of an automobile acquired abroad from that of an automobile acquired in the United States provided that title passed to the returnee prior to his request for transportation of that automobile in connection with his PCS return from an overseas station.

4. As I understand this case the individual is simply claiming mileage for the trip from New York where he took delivery of his car to Washington where he was assigned. Under section 12 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations travel by personal conveyance is authorized when in the interest of the Government. In this case since the Government would be liable for the cost of the transportation of the automobile from New York to Washington, it appears clearly in the Government's interest to reimburse the individual for such transportation on a mileage basis if the total cost is less than the cost of rail shipment of the automobile and transportation of the individual by common carrier.

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